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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. GREENE of Georgia).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 8, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JACK VANIER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a great Kansan, Jack Vanier, who died at the age of 94 last month, as well as his late wife, Donna.

Jack was born in Salina, where he was raised to love agriculture and the conservative Kansas values of faith, hard work, freedom, integrity, family, and personal responsibility. These are

the values that make our State so special, and Jack embodied them. He was an unassuming and humble servant leader with a long list of accomplishments, but he didn't make his life about himself; he made his life about others.

Jack had a larger-than-life personality, but he didn't want the spotlight. He wanted to make a difference in his community, his alma mater K-State, and the lives of the people around him.

Jack was a hero of Kansas agriculture. He painstakingly operated the CK Ranch in Brookville, Kansas, once the largest producer of purebred Hereford cattle in the United States. He brought commonsense leadership to the American Hereford Association, Kansas Livestock Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Archer-Daniels-Midland.

He was a generous, philanthropic visionary for Kansas State University.

Most importantly, alongside his late wife, Donna, he raised his family on faith.

Jack's wife, Donna, who passed away on May 23, 2020, was larger than life in her own right. Donna was a generous and hardworking philanthropist who always put her family first. She was the driving force behind the Donna L. Vanier Children's Center in Salina, which has now been open for 11 years, and she was a proud K-State supporter who built deep, long-lasting relationships with athletic directors and students alike.

Donna and Jack were servant leaders through and through, and they were recognized together as a couple as the Kansan Humanitarians of the Year in 2018.

What a legacy this great couple leaves behind for their children and grandchildren to emulate and remember them by, and what a blessing for Jack to join his wife, Donna, to rest with our Lord.

To Mary, Marty, John, and their children, and to all of Jack and Don-

na's family who were blessed by the love of this great couple, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARK FOWLER

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a great Kansan, Mark Fowler, and to mourn his untimely passing at the age of 52 at his home in Manhattan on February 20.

Mark grew up on his family's farm near Emporia, Kansas. He earned a bachelor's degree in Milling Science and Management from Kansas State University, and later returned to complete a master's degree in agricultural economics. He began his career as a flour miller, first for Cargill, and then Seaboard.

In those roles, Mark ran flour mills, which worked on projects in several developing countries, including Ecuador, Guyana, and Haiti, and worked as a technical director of the African Division within Seaboard's Overseas Group in Durban, South Africa.

Mark was the president and CEO of Farmer Direct Foods, a farmer-owned, flour milling company in New Cambria, Kansas, after which he moved into his most recent role at U.S. Wheat, where he originally served as vice president of overseas operations.

Mark once said that he wanted to advance the U.S. wheat export market development mission because, through his work overseas, he experienced the global impact of wheat milling.

Mark's dedicated service helped hungry people all over the world, and he will be sorely missed.

To his colleagues and friends, his widow, Courtney, his daughters Piper and Paige, his mother Ruth Fowler, and his sisters Rhonda and Amy, you are in my thoughts and prayers as you mourn Mark's passing.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANDY MCCURRY

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a

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